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SUDN: SAUDI ARABIA APPROACH RE ROKG TECHNICIANS

1. IN DISCUSSING SAUDI-ARABIAN DEMAND FOR ROK STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF ARAB CAUSE (SEPTTEL), PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG YOM INDICATED THAT SAUDIS HAVE MADE INFORMAL APPROACH RE ROK TECHNICIANS.

2. ACCORDING KIM CHIEF OF SAUDI NATIONAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, DURING LATE OCTOBER VISIT, MADE "UNOFFICIAL APPROACH" RE AVAILABILITY OF ROK PERSONNEL IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

- A. TECHNICIANS FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF US WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT
 - B. MEDICAL PERSONNEL
 - C. ECONOMIC PLANNING EXPERTS
 - D. EXPERTS IN PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND OTHER ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.
- ALSO SAID SAUDI OFFICIAL MADE VAGUE MENTION OF POSSIBLE TRAINING BY KOREANS OF SAUDI-ARABIANS IN UNSPECIFIED FIELDS.

3. KIM SAID THAT THIS APPROACH HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY BY ROK AT THE TIME AND NO STEPS FO FAR HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO FOLLOW-UP SAUDI REQUEST. HOWEVER, ROKG IS NOW GIVING BELATED ATTENTION

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TO THIS QUESTION. KIM SAID THERE IS OBVIOUSLY NO PROBLEM ABOUT

PROVIDING MEDICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER CIVILIAN TECHNICAL
PERSONNEL.

4. KIM SAID MOST SENSITIVE QUESTION RELATES TO TECHNICIANS FOR
THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF US WEAPONS. HE INDICATED IT CLEAR
THAT SAUDI OFFICIAL HAD IN MIND CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS, NOT ACTIVE
DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ROKG OF COURSE WOULD ONLY CONSIDER
SENDING "VETERANS". HOWEVER, BEFORE ADDRESSING ITSELF TO QUESTION
OF TECHNICIANS FOR MILITARY SPECIALTIES, ROKG WANTS TO BE VERY
CLEAR AS TO WHAT USG VIEW IS. FURTHER KIM INDICATED HE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE CAN GIVE ON CURRENT US ARRANGEMENTS
FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF US EQUIPMENT IN SAUDI-ARABIA.
SPECIFICALLY HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER US MILITARY OR CIVILIAN

PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED AND IN WHAT MANNER.

5. KIM SAID THAT ROKG WOULD WANT TO DO NOTHING WHICH WOULD
COMPLICATE USG POSITION AND REQUESTED EARLY USG VIEWS ON THIS
SAUDI-ARABIAN UNOFFICIAL APPROACH.

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